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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Power Sales Agreement between Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("Applicant") and Cherokee County Cogeneration Partners, LLC  
**Docket No. 2012-272-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-10 (B) (Supp. 2011), the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") must be considered a party of record in all filings, applications or proceedings before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") unless or until it chooses not to participate. The Applicant's request for expedited review is listed on the Commission's July 16 agenda. ORS is currently reviewing this matter, and by this letter, ORS reserves its right to conduct discovery and reserves its right to a hearing. S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-320 provides that upon a thirty (30) day notice, all parties to a contested case must be afforded the right to a hearing.

ORS is charged with representing the public interest of South Carolina before the Commission and, as such, is reviewing the issues raised by this filing and will advise the Commission upon completion of its review.

Sincerely,

  
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